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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MMOL EAID LA US
SUBJ: IDENTITY OF U.S. MUNITIONS REMAINING IN THE PLAIN OF JARS

REF: 77 STATE 165857

1. AN AMCIT BUSINESSMAN RESIDENT IN LAOS HAS REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY INFORM HIM OF WHAT TYPES OF MUNITIONS MIGHT BE FOUND AT OR BELOW GROUND LEVEL IN THE PLAIN OF JARS. HE EXPLAINED THAT A MENNONITE ORGANIZATION BASED IN THE LPDR WAS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THROUGH HIM SOME TYPE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD ASSIST THE LAO IN LOCATING MUNITIONS AND RENDERING THEM HARMLESS.

2. THE EMBASSY WAS TOLD RECENTLY THAT THE PATHET LAO COMPONENT OF THE LAO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION IN 1973/74 HAD REJECTED A USG OFFER TO SEND DEMO-LITION TEAMS TO THE PLAIN OF JARS. SOME INFORMATION RELATING TO THE IDENTITY OF MUNITIONS THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED IN THIS ABORTED EFFORT.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THAT IT COULD PASS TO THE REQUESTOR.

4. COMMENT: WE NOTE THE REFTEL'S RESERVATION ABOUT THE USE OF TRACTOR DRAWN PLOWS IN AREAS WHERE LARGE UN-EXPLODED BOMBS WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED.
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